

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND 2531 JEFFERSON DAVIS HWY ARLINGTON VA 22242-5160

IN REPLY REFER TO

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER COMMANDER, NAVAL UNDERSEA WARFARE CENTER

Subj: DELEGATION OF APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN

JUSTIFICATIONS AND APPROVALS

Ref: (a) DAR Class Deviation 00002 to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 6.304(a)(3)

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to delegate approval authority in accordance with reference (a). As amended, the FAR authorizes the Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA) to approve written justifications and approvals (J&As) for proposed contracts over \$10 million but not exceeding \$50 million and to delegate such authority to military flag or general officers or to civilian members of the Senior Executive Service (SES).

- 2. Therefore, as HCA, I hereby delegate to the Commanders and the Technical Directors of the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) and the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), if flag or general officer or an SES, the authority to approve J&As pursuant to reference (a) without authority to redelegate.
- 3. J&As exceeding \$50 million will continue to be processed through SEA 02 for approval at the ASN(RD&A) level.

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1. PURPOSE OF CORRESPONDENCE:

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PERTINENT ISSUES IN THE PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE:

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This delegation supports Acquisition Reform and the NAVSEA contract management objective of aligning approval authority and responsibility at the lowest practicable level.

EXPECTED ACTION FROM RECIPIENTS:

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ANY NONCONCURRENCE OR UNRESOLVED ISSUES:

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